

SENATE RESOLUTION 100

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A RESOLUTION to recognize the military service of U.S. Army Specialist Carrington Bartholameu Owens.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to honor those many valiant men and women who continue this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, United States Army Specialist Carrington Bartholameu Owens is one of this State's and this Nation's finest young men and has recently concluded over five years of service with the U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, a proud resident of Clarksville, Carrington Owens attained the rank of Eagle Scout in 1999, which would be the first of his many impressive achievements; he earned his Federal Aviation Administration private pilot license in 2004 and graduated in 2006 from William Woods University in Fulton, Missouri, with a double bachelor's degree in business and computer sciences; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Owens joined the U.S. Army on July 26, 2007, as a CH-47D/F Chinook Heavy Lift Helicopter Maintainer (15U); during his service with the U.S. Army he worked as a licensed unit armorer and a licensed master driver trainer. He was certified to conduct sling-load operations, combat operations, personnel/cargo operations, and nighttime infiltration/exfiltration; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Owens served two deployments in Afghanistan over the course of four years in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; he was deployed from 2009-2011 at Bagram Airbase in Northern Afghanistan and from 2011-2012 at Kandahar Airbase in Southern Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his hard work, sacrifice, and bravery, Specialist Carrington Owens received the Afghanistan Campaign Medal (3 campaign stars), the Army Achievement Award (2nd award), Meritorious Unit Commendation, the NATO Service Ribbon, and the Aviation Badge; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Owens was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army on January 18, 2013, as a CH-47F crew chief from B Company (Varsity), 7th Aviation Regiment, 159th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB), 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, he is currently pursuing a master's degree in aviation science at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and is a FINRA licensed financial advisor; and

WHEREAS, devoted to his family, he enjoys the loving support of his two daughters, Verity and Camryn; and

WHEREAS, Carrington Bartholameu Owens served his country and fellow Americans with the strength of mind, body, and soul that is deserving of the attention and applause of this legislative body, for his valor and courage is reminiscent of his forbearers' determination to embrace, improve, and protect their Tennessee homeland; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby recognize and express great appreciation to United States Army Specialist Carrington Bartholameu Owens for the valorous military service he has rendered to our country and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.